

What are the elements of salvation, in other words, how can we be born again and inherit eternal life with God?

Here are Jesus' own words:

John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 10:9: "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved."

John 5:24: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

As such:

Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Romans 10:10: "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

And true salvation is:

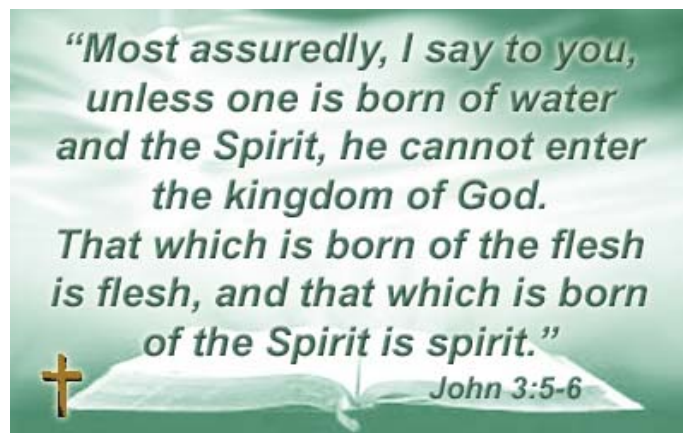
Titus 3:5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

Therefore:

Acts 2:38: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Do I understand that the only door to salvation is Christ Jesus, and furthermore I must repent and surrender my heart to follow Him?

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Why does the world need salvation?

Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 Thessalonians 5:9: "For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."

For this reason:

1 Timothy 2:3-4: "God our Savior, desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

John 3:16-17: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

As a result:

John 3:36: "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

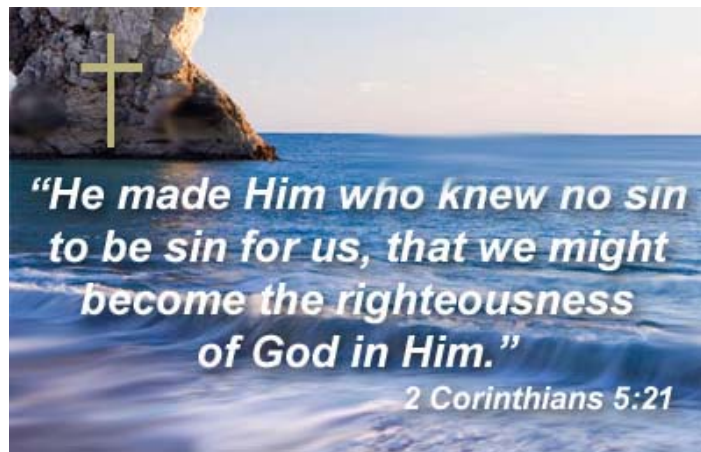
1 Corinthians 1:21: "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe."

Therefore:

John 3:18: "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Clear enough?

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What is God's ultimate purpose for Christ's sacrifice on the cross?

Luke 19:10: "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

1 Peter 3:18: "Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit."

As such:

John 1:12: "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

The reason Jesus said:

John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

John 6:51: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

John 10:28: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

The powerful testimony being:

1 John 5:11: "That God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

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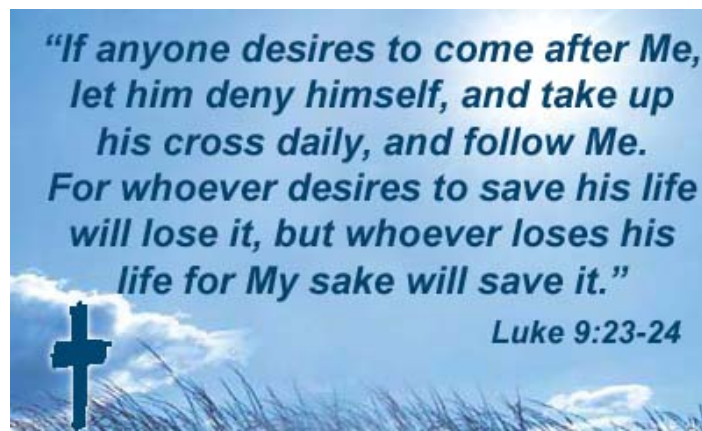
Romans 1:16: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."

2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Am I in Christ?

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What is the righteous path to follow, if we truly believe in Christ as Savior?

Titus 2:12: "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age."

Why?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

As such Jesus said:

John 15:1-2: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

John 15:4: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

Therefore:

James 1:21: "Lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Philippians 1:27: "Let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ."

How?

James 1:22: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

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How are we enjoined to truly believe in Christ, in other words live to follow Him as Lord?

Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

1 John 5:10: "He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself."

As such:

John 3:20-21: "Everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Romans 8:6-7: "To be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."


Therefore, and as Jesus clearly said:

Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other."

John 15:6: "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned."

Luke 14:33: "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."

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*“False christs and false prophets
will rise and show great signs
and wonders to deceive,
if possible, even the elect.”* 

Matthew 24:24

Why should we be on guard against false preachers and deceivers?

2 Corinthians 11:13-14: “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

In Jesus’ own words He called them:

Matthew 15:7-8: “Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.”

What are the deceptions we must be on guard against?

1 Corinthians 6:9-10: “Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”

As such:

Revelation 21:8: “The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

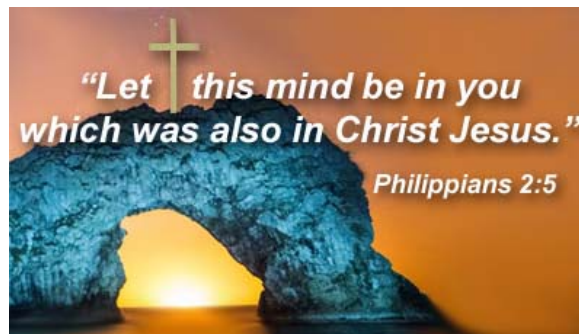
Therefore:

1 John 4:1: “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

1 Peter 5:8: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Now, go read James 4:7...

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How should we, as true believers in Christ, so live our life to abide in Him?

Philippians 2:12: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

How?

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Romans 12:2: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Colossians 3:23: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."

Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Why?

Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

What's more?

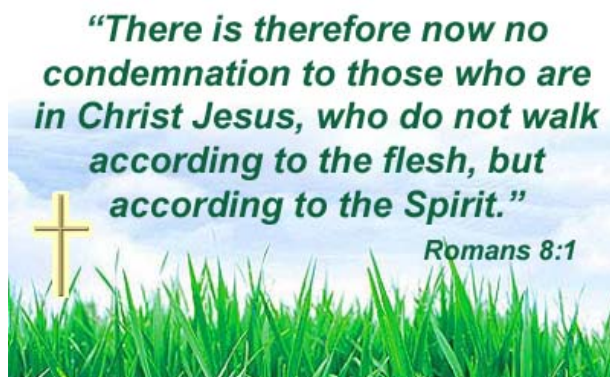
2 Timothy 3:1: "Know this, that in the last days perilous times will come."

John 4:23: "The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him."

Therefore:

As Psalm 25:5 enjoins us to: "Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You *are* the God of my salvation."

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What are the rewards reserved for those who truly follow Christ as Lord?

Romans 5:10: "For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

Why?

1 Corinthians 15:22: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

As such Jesus said:

John 11:25-26: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

John 10:28: "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

Revelation 3:5: "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."

The reason why:

1 Corinthians 1:18: "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Therefore:

1 John 3:2: "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

Do I truly believe in Christ, so I faithfully follow Him as Lord of my life?

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